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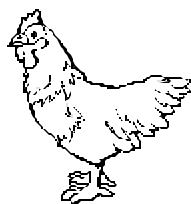
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week were trending higher in the East, mostly unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand into all channels covered the full range, but strongest interest was noted for retail ads and fast food specials. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed with an increase for weekend needs in some areas, in others mostly light; however, improvements are expected with upcoming first of the month and holiday. Tenders were in the shortest balance, wings were more available, and the remaining items were more than sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 08/26/02-08/31/02 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	45.00-48.00	45.00-59.75	47.40	25
Los Angeles	69.00			
New York	46.00-49.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	60.00-64.00	46.00-66.00	63.47	82

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
849	55.25-66.50	64.12
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	179.00	1,063
BREASTS - B/S	158.50	4,553
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00	1,123
THIGH MEAT - B/S	60.00	750
LEG QUARTERS	19.00	8,277
WINGS	53.00	3,157

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offers of Wogs and whole fryers were light to moderate and sufficient for current trade interest. Retail demand was spotty, fair to fairly good into Chicago, other areas slow to fair. Food service movement was in a full range, mostly moderate to good. Floor stocks were adequate to occasionally long. Weights were desirable. Parts trading was light overall with optimism building for first of month and upcoming holiday. Supplies of all items were adequate for buyer interest with tenders and wings in best balance. The market tone was steady to firm on whole breasts and tenderloins, mixed on leg quarters and steady on remaining items.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to fair, at times moderate where retail ads were active and good for fast food promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient to satisfy needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate, but optimism was high due to a possible end to the ban and upcoming holiday. Breast items were in balance to close, and dark meat was available. Wings had increased in availability, but were still moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last Friday's levels. The market tone was generally steady to fully steady. Trading reported for next week's deliveries at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were adequate to cover current needs. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best to cover specials. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated): Southern California - whole body 55-57, whole cut-up 89-148, boneless breast 148-349, boneless breast marinated 349, breast tenders 349, split breast 97-199, whole breast 99, boneless leg meat 69-79, whole leg 99-129, leg quarter 10# bag 290-390, leg quarter 40# case 799-999, wings 99-127, hot wings 399, thigh 59-129, drumstick 59-129, 8 pieces (4 drumstick, 4 thigh) fried for 259, 15 pieces (drumstick and thigh) fried for 399; Northern California - boneless breast 499, split breast 148, boneless thigh meat 249, drumstick 77-99, thigh 77-99, whole leg 99, wing 99; Colorado - whole body 119 (buy one get one free), whole cut-up 149 (buy one get one free), cornish 199, boneless breast 239, boneless breast 2.5# IQF 699, boneless breast marinated 369; Arizona - whole body 89, cornish 169, boneless thigh meat 249, boneless breast 159-299, boneless breast marinated 299, breast tenders 3# IQF 699-899, boneless breast 3# IQF 699-899, split breast 199-229, leg quarter 10# bag 190-290, hot wing 299, thigh 99-119, drumstick 99-119, chicken kabob 399, 12 pieces (3 drumstick, 3 thigh, 3 wing and 3 rib attached breast) fried for 599-899, fried chicken tenders 399.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly but remained fair to no better than moderate as dealers limited orders to committed needs. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate. Movement through retail channels was limited with fair draw noted through the distributive sector. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were more than sufficient. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate. Wings were increasingly available. Tenderloins were closely cleared.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the weekend but remained no better than fair. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate, weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy and included spot operations on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 49 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, tenders were well cleared. Other items were at least adequate for the light to fair and generally cautious buying interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	40-63
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.70
NO. OF BOXES	8,504
CUMULATIVE	50.35
	08/19/02-08/23/02
	08/20/01-08/24/01
NO. OF BOXES	48,483
	08/19/02-08/23/02
	08/20/01-08/24/01
	66,052

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUG 23

POUNDS					POUNDS					WEEKLY	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	906	138.00-223.00	143-150	149.55	906	138.00-223.00	144-150	147.03	4,560	148.81	
TENDERLOINS	142	115.00-185.00	115	131.65	146	120.00-185.00	120-125	135.03	811	135.98	
BREAST - LINE RUN	121	81.00-87.00	83-84	83.26	121	84.00-89.00	84-86	85.90	515	84.66	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				145	71.00-76.00	71-72	72.34	494	71.34	
LEGS	88	21.00-34.00	21-22	22.18	88	21.00-34.00	21-22	22.18	443	22.19	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	13.00-17.00	14	14.11	388	13.00-17.00	14-15	14.11	1,940	14.11	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,337	15.00-26.00	17-19	18.69	2,057	15.00-26.00	18-20	18.85	7,405	18.75	
WINGS (WHOLE)	296	50.00-57.00	53-54	53.53	283	53.00-57.00	54-55	54.20	1,467	53.22	
WINGS (CUT)	503	62.00-77.00	62-65	67.03	487	62.00-77.00	62-64	66.21	2,370	66.27	
DRUMSTICKS	68	34.00-47.00	-	35.53	70	34.00-47.00	-	35.45	346	37.44	
THIGHS	28	34.00-44.00	-	36.86	TOO FEW TO REPORT				139	36.81	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				170	58.00	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR AUG 22, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE**

40.75 - 46.00

AVERAGE

42.93

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR AUG 23, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE**

42.00 - 46.50

AVERAGE

43.23

5-DAY**AVERAGE**

42.69

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity increased entering the weekend, although, dealers were only assuming product for immediate needs and kept floor stocks in good balance. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings had increased in availability. Tenderloins continued to clear well. Movement through retail channels was limited with distributive interest slightly better. The market tone remained fully steady to instances firm on tenderloins, and about steady on the balance. ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLIVRD TO 1ST RCVRS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

AUG 23

AUG 22

CURRENT NEG				CURRENT NEG				WEEKLY	
ITEM	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	151.10	463,650	BREAST - B/S	145-150	150.40	472,220	151.13	2,355,350
TENDERLOINS	110-115	114.14	110,280	TENDERLOINS	115-120	113.56	177,400	110.64	750,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	85.89	166,240	BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	86.39	167,440	87.01	896,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	83.36	122,800	BREAST - LINE RUN	81	81.99	122,040	82.78	633,400
LEGS	31-32	34.63	111,520	LEGS	31-32	34.89	139,200	34.10	654,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.33	383,576	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	19.01	310,675	18.48	1,914,047
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	30.46	126,620	DRUMSTICKS	29-30	27.38	202,950	29.49	719,970
THIGHS	19-20	29.53	64,050	THIGHS	19-20	29.33	73,780	26.27	529,375
B/S THIGHS	60-61	57.87	96,160	B/S THIGHS	60-61	55.17	136,080	56.88	562,250
WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51	55.91	178,230	WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51	56.30	151,960	55.18	933,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.27	24,800	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.54	39,720	12.29	143,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	18.63	11,080	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	20.71	10,720	20.27	55,210
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	48.89	16,280	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	47.34	20,480	45.47	103,260

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

		ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
		08/23	08/22	08/21	08/20	08/21	08/20	08/16	08/14
ALA		3,950	3,851	3,951	3,982	5.03	5.08	4,062	5.03
ARK		5,719	5,479	5,325	5,345	4.87	4.97	5,662	5.01
DELMARVA		2,353	2,368	2,389	2,328	5.15	5.06	2,524	5.06
KY-LA-TN		1,996	1,995	1,937	1,984	4.51	4.54	2,073	4.46
MISS		2,962	2,873	2,763	2,828	5.29	5.15	2,820	5.28
NC		2,611	2,692	2,560	2,659	5.91	5.90	3,011	5.94
TEXAS		2,756	2,848	2,458	2,488	4.82	4.86	2,520	4.82
TOTAL		22,347	22,106	21,383	21,608	5.07	5.09	22,672	5.09
MON-FRI		109,873(A)						109,748 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Aug 02 and 24-Aug-02 is estimated to be 33,434 ,000 down 1.73 percent from a week ago and down 6.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,022,000; last year 35,847,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 24-Aug-02 is estimated to be 158,996,000 head unchange from a week ago, and unchange from a year ago.

(Last week 159,433 ,000 Last year 158,648 ,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	96-103
	ICE PACK	94-95
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	94-98
DUCKS		152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 10-Aug-02 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C)

Deboning

Food service

4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----

	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	17,251	21,381	28,745
Avg Weight	3.84	4.88	6.33
% of total /1	26%	32%	43%

COMPARISONS

	Last week	19,729	25,444
Avg Weight	3.70	4.97	6.10
% of total /1	32%	29%	38%

	Same week, yr ago /2	30,947	39,126
Avg Weight	3.74	4.73	6.03
% of total /1	31%	31%	39%

	To date/2002	758,322	1,414,830
To date/2001	1,041,967	874,296	1,413,267

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 17-Aug-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
HEAD	159,433	1,764	1,523	3,287	400
AVG WT	5.12	3.65	7.91	5.62	6.37
LAST WEEK	160,570	1,738	1,605	3,343	396
SAME WK YR AGO	159,302	1,795	1,466	3,261	458
AVG WT	5.10	3.35	8.11	5.64	6.71
TO-DATE/2002	5,114,477	58,263	45,188	103,451	14,183
TO-DATE/2001	5,059,009	58,236	45,365	103,601	16,471

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161.4 million head or -0.5 million head less than or 100% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: AUG 20, 2002

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.50 - 1.80	Silkie	1.50 - 2.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.45 - 1.80	Geese	
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.50 - .70	9-14 LBS	.70 - .80
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70 - .90	Pigeons	2.00 - 3.75ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40 - .60	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		4-6 LBS	.80 - 1.30
4-6 LBS	.40 - .60	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		7-11 LBS	.80 - 1.15
7-11 LBS	.50 - .80	Bunnies	2.00 - 5.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.50	Guinea Pigs	3.00 - 5.50ea.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 6.00ea.	Goats	25.00 - 30.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 4.00ea.	Doves	3.50 - 8.00ea.
		Total Coops Sold	430

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 19-AUG-2001

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	48-57	56-57
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-84	63-73

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was moderate to at times fairly good. Weights were desirable to at times heavy due to the cooler weather in the Midwest this past week. Schedules full-time to over-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.35-.50, livers at \$.75-1.70, and feet at \$.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 19-AUG-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-124	125
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	AVG WT
JULY	13	160.5	161.6 99% 5.03
	20	161.9	163.1 99% 5.01
	27	163.2	163.4 100% 5.07
AUGUST	3	159.6	162.5 98% 4.99
	10	162.5	162.1 100% 5.02
	17	161.4	161.9 100% 5.12
YEAR TO DATE	5175.6	5228.8	99%
AUGUST	24	160.0	
	31	157.2	

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	08/24/02	08/17/02	% CHG	08/25/01	% CHG
Broilers	158,996	159,433*	0	158,648*	0
Cattle	725	717	+01	728*	0
Hogs	1,958	1,888	+04	1,801*	+09

Under Federal Inspection 1

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were fully adequate to ample. Demand was moderate at best for the mostly light seasonal needs. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
20-26 MAJORITY 20-21	28-36 MAJORITY 29-31

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
22-27.5 MAJORITY 22-22.5	29-38 MAJORITY 31-32

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was light and unaggressive for the fully adequate to ample offerings. Processings schedules for next week were reported as normal. Movement of finished product was moderate with offerings more than sufficient. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings from production areas. Finished sales were fair with schedules providing at least adequate volume for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings were more available than the previous week and rated as usually adequate into slaughter operations and limited into renderers. Demand was mostly fair. Slaughter schedules about full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked light schedules. Demand was fair. Offerings were adequate.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light to moderate for the mostly fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were more than sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Negotiations were too few to report. Spent hen demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings from production areas. Sales of finished product were fair with schedules providing at least adequate volume for needs. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

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